

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103

A rejection under 35 USC §103 is alleged in the present case as being based on patent document WO 99/05084. This reference is inapplicable because Applicant's priority date preceeds that of the reference.

The present application is a continuation-in-part application which claims priority all the way back to the filing date of parent case 08/598,965, now US Patent 5,770,782. Priority was claimed thereto through the case serial number 08/879,745, which itself was a divisional application of 08/598,965. The present application meets all of the requirements for a continuation-in-part application. Therefore, reference document WO99/05084 is not available as a reference against instantly-pending claims 1-101.

All of claims 1-101 in the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Applicants would greatly appreciate receiving their Notice of Allowance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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